

REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2004, which has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 2, 2004. No extension of time is required.

Drawings

Applicant requests permission to substitute replacement sheets 1-6 of formal drawings for the informal sheets 1-6 originally filed. In the formal drawings the reference numbers are shown clearly and their respective leader-lines are shown uniformly and dark. No new matter is entered.

Claims

Claims 1-37 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 36 and 37 are rejected over prior art. Claims 36 and 37 are canceled. Claims 1-35 remain as filed and are indicated to be allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claim 37 is canceled herein, thereby obviating the rejection of Claim 37. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

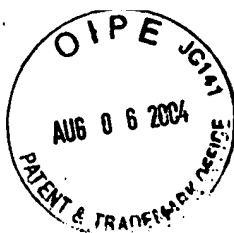
Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 36-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Miller, Sr. (USPN 4,313,264).

Claims 36-37 are canceled herein, thereby obviating the rejection of those claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiners indication that Claims 1-35 are allowed.



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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner undertake any action other than allowance of the application, or if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions for expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at (269) 279-8820.

Respectfully submitted,

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